

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-26261]

Notice of Request for Comments on Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers of Passengers and Motor Carriers of Property**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This information collection renewal will be used to ensure that motor carriers of property and passengers maintain the appropriate levels of financial responsibility to operate on public highways. The Agency published a **Federal Register** notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on the ICR in August 2006 (71 FR 48967, Aug. 22, 2006). FMCSA did not receive any comments in response to this notice.

DATES: Please send your comments by January 17, 2007. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: DOT/FMCSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stephanie Haller, Commercial Enforcement, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC 20590-0001. Telephone: 202-385-2422; e-mail Stephanie.haller@fmcsa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers of Passengers and Motor Carriers of Property.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0008.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Insurance and surety companies of motor carriers of property (Forms MCS-90 and MCS-82) and motor carriers of passengers (Forms MCS-90B and MCS-82B).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 143,728 [138,768 property carriers + 4,960 passengers carriers = 143,728].

Estimated Time per Response: The FMCSA estimates it takes two minutes for an insurance company to complete the Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurances for Public Liability (Forms MCS-90/90B; for both property and passenger carriers) or the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS-82/82B for both property and passenger carriers); one minute for the insurance company to file the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS-82/82B) with FMCSA; one minute for the insurance company to provide Forms MCS-90/90B to the carrier; and one minute to place either document (Forms MCS-90/90B and MCS-82/82B) on board the vehicle (foreign-domiciled motor carriers only). These endorsements (Forms MCS-90/90B and MCS-82/82B) are maintained at the motor carrier's principal place of business (see 49 CFR 387.7(d)).

Expiration Date: December 31, 2006.

Frequency of Response: Upon creation, change, or replacement of an insurance policy or surety bond.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 4,529 hours [151.4 hours for motor carriers of passengers + 4,377.4 hours for motor carriers of property = 4,528.8 or rounded to the nearest hour 4,529].

Background

The Secretary of Transportation is responsible for implementing regulations which establish the minimal levels of financial responsibility for: (1) For-hire motor carriers of property to cover public liability, property damage, and environmental restoration, and (2) for-hire motor carriers of passengers to cover public liability and property damage. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Forms MCS-90/90B) and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS-82/82B) contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained, and has in effect, the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in applicable regulations (motor carriers of property—49 CFR 387.9; and motor carrier of passengers—49 CFR 387.33). FMCSA and the public can verify that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained, and has in effect, the required minimum levels of financial responsibility, by use of the information embraced within these documents.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this

information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FMCSA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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John H. Hill,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration****Solicitation of Applications for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Operator Safety Training Grant Opportunity**

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that it has published an opportunity to apply for FY 2007 CMV Operator Safety Training Grant Opportunity funding on the grants.gov Web site (<http://www.grants.gov>). Section 4134 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU) establishes the CMV Operator Safety Training Grant Opportunity program. The legislation requires grant recipients to train drivers and future drivers in the safe operation of CMVs, as defined in Section 31301 of Title 49, United States Code. Priority will be given to regional or multi-state educational or nonprofit associations serving economically distressed regions of the United States. Eligible awardees also can include State governments, local governments, and accredited post-secondary educational institutions (public or private) such as colleges, universities, vocational-technical schools and truck driver training schools. To apply for funding, applicants must be registered with grants.gov. Registration with grants.gov may take two to five days before the system will allow you to apply for grants using the grants.gov Web site (http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp). Submit application in accordance with the instructions provided. Applications for grant funding must be submitted electronically to the FMCSA through the

grants.gov Web site. The CFDA number for MGSAP is 20.235.

DATES: FMCSA will initially consider funding of applications submitted by January 31, 2007 by qualified applicants. If additional funding remains available, applications submitted after January 31, 2007 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Funds will not be available for allocation until such time as FY2007 appropriations legislation is passed and signed into law. Funding is subject to reductions resulting from obligation limitations or rescissions as specified in SAFETEA-LU or other legislation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Art L. Williams, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Safety Programs, State Programs Division (MC-sESS), 202-366-3695, 400 Seventh Street SW., Room 8314, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., EST., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[NHTSA Docket No. NHTSA-2006-26143]

National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council to the Secretary of Transportation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of an advisory committee.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation announces the establishment of a National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council (NEMSAC) to provide advice and recommendations regarding EMS matters to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). NHTSA's Office of Emergency Medical Services will serve as sponsor of the Advisory Council for the Secretary. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of the establishment of NEMSAC and invite the submission to NHTSA of nominations/applications for membership, as well as comments on the strategies or issues that should be considered by NEMSAC.

DATES: Comments and applications or nominations for membership on

NEMSAC must be received February 16, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Drew Dawson, Director, NHTSA Office of Emergency Medical Services, (202) 366-9966 or via e-mail at drew.dawson@dot.gov; or Ms. Allison Rusnak, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366-1834 or via e-mail at allison.rusnak@dot.gov, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DMS) at: <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. Electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines are available under the help section of the Web site.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded from the **Federal Register's** home page at <http://www.archives.gov> and the Government Printing Office's database at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in a **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (70 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Please note that even after the comment closing date, we will continue to file relevant information in the docket as it becomes available. Further, some people may submit late comments and we recommend that you periodically check the docket for new material. We will consider late comments [75 days from publication].

Background

The National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council will serve as a forum to provide to NHTSA advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues related to EMS. The DOT has determined that the establishment of NEMSAC falls under the terms of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. II.

A. Notice of Establishment of an Advisory Council

In accordance with the requirements of FACA, an agency of the Federal

Government cannot establish or utilize a group of people in the interest of obtaining consensus advice or recommendations unless that group is chartered as a Federal advisory committee. The purpose of this notice is to announce the establishment of an advisory committee to provide NHTSA advice and recommendations regarding a broad range of EMS issues. The Secretary has determined that the establishment of NEMSAC is necessary and in the public interest.

B. Name of Committee

National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council.

C. Purpose and Objective

The NEMSAC will be a nationally recognized council of EMS representatives and consumers to provide advice and recommendations regarding EMS to NHTSA. The issues that NEMSAC will consider include: National EMS needs assessment and strategic planning; development of standards, guidelines, benchmarks, and data collection relating to EMS; development of methods for improving community-based EMS; strengthening EMS systems through enhanced workforce development, education, training, exercises, equipment, medical oversight; improved coordination and support of EMS activities among Federal programs; and other issues or topics as determined by NHTSA.

The NEMSAC does not exercise program management or regulatory development responsibilities, and makes no decisions directly affecting the programs on which it provides advice. The NEMSAC provides a forum for the development, consideration, and communication of information from a knowledgeable and independent perspective of a strategy for advancing EMS systems nationwide.

D. Balanced Membership Plans

Advisory council members shall represent a cross-section of the diverse agencies, organizations, and individuals involved in EMS activities and programs in the U.S. The NEMSAC shall be composed of not more than 26 members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. Twenty-four of these members will represent the perspectives of particular components of the EMS community. The Council's broad-based membership will assure that it has sufficient EMS system expertise and geographic and demographic diversity to accurately reflect the EMS community as a whole. NHTSA seeks applications and nominations for